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An A C T for Vesting certain Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, heretofore given in Trust for the Benefit of the poor Inhabitants of the Parish of *Woburn*, in the County of *Bedford*, in his Grace *John Duke of Bedford*, and his Heirs; and for Establishing a better Fund in Lieu thereof.



Hereas by certain Orders and Decrees, made upon the Seventeenth Day of *October* One thousand Six hundred and Forty-nine, by *William Earl of Bedford*, and *Sir William Brier*, Knight, *Henry Chester*, *Saint John Thompson*, and *William Duncombe*, Esquires, Commissioners, by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal of *England*, issuing forth of the Court of Chancery, to them and others directed, for enquiring after Lands, Goods, and Stocks of Money, given to charitable Uses, according to the Statute made at the Parliament holden at *Westminster*, in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of our late Sovereign Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled, *An Act to redress the Misemployment of Lands, Goods, and Stocks of Money, heretofore given to Charitable Uses*; after reciting (amongst other Things),

Things), That by an Inquisition before them taken, it did appear, that Sir *Francis Stanton*, Knight, late of *Woburn*, in the County of *Bedford*, deceased, by his last Will in Writing, bearing Date the Nine-and-twentieth Day of *May* One thousand Six hundred and Thirty-five, did will and bequeath Forty Pounds, to be bestowed by his Executor in House or Land, to the Use of the Poor of *Woburn* aforesaid for ever, within Six Years next after his Decease; and that the said Sir *Francis Stanton* made his Son *Robert Stanton*, Esquire, Executor of his said Will, and shortly after died, it was (amongst other Things) by them ordered and decreed, that the said *Robert Stanton* should, within Two Years then next coming, purchase and assure House or Land, to the Value of Forty Pounds, according to his said Father's Will, or pay the same, with Interest after the Rate of Eight Pounds *per Centum* yearly, so long as he should detain the same :

And whereas the said *Robert Stanton* did, in Performance of his said late Father's Will, and of the aforesaid Orders and Decrees, by his Indenture, bearing Date the Third Day of *October* One thousand Six hundred and Fifty-one, grant, assure, release, and confirm, unto several Trustees, in the said Indenture mentioned, a Close of Pasture Ground, with the Appurtenances, containing by Estimation Four Acres (be the same more or less) then or late in the Tenure or Occupation of one *Edward Matthews*, or his Assignee or Assigns, called or known by the Name of *Piggs Park*, lying and being in the Parish of *Aspley*, in the said County of *Bedford*, the Land then of one *John Carter* lying towards the East thereof, and the Land of one *Richard Tilcock* towards the West Side thereof, to and for the Use of the Poor of *Woburn* for ever :

And whereas by an Inquisition taken at *Woburn* aforesaid, the Third Day of *April*, which was in the Year of our Lord One thousand Six hundred and Sixty-five, and in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of our late Sovereign Lord King *Charles the Second* over *England, et cetera*, before *Henry Chester*, Knight of the Bath, *Saint John Thompson*, *Francis Wingate*, and *Thomas Snagg*, Esquires, by virtue of his said late Majesty's Commission, dated at *Westminster* the Thirteenth Day of *February*, in the Seventeenth Year of his said Majesty's Reign, to them and others directed, to redress the Misemployment of Lands, Goods, Chattels, and Stocks of Money, thentofore given to charitable Uses, according to the aforesaid Statute of the Forty-third Year of our said late Sovereign Queen *Elizabeth*, it was found and presented, that the Right Honourable *William Earl of Bedford*, and *Edward Taylor* of *Bletchley*, in the County of *Bucks*, Clerk, were the only surviving Feoffees, intrusted and seised of and

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in certain Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, with the Appurtenances in *Woburn* aforesaid, and *Wavendon*, in the said County of *Bucks*, hereafter more particularly expressed, and heretofore given to charitable Uses, and of the same Premises did then stand seised in their Demesne, as of Fee, to them and their Heirs, and yet in Trust nevertheless that the Rents, Issues, and Profits of the same Tenements and Premises should remain and be to and for the Good, Benefit, and Advantage of the poorer Sort of Inhabitants of *Woburn* aforesaid; that is to say, Of and in One Messuage, with all and singular the Appurtenances thereto belonging, situate and being on the East Side of the South End of *Woburn* aforesaid, then or then late in the Occupation of *Henry Badaly*; and of and in One Close of Pasture or inclosed Ground, with the Appurtenances in *Woburn* aforesaid, to the said Messuage near adjoining and belonging, containing by Estimation Eight Acres (be it more or less) and then likewise in the Occupation of the said *Henry Badaly*, and then were of the clear yearly Value of Twelve Pounds, besides Reprizes; and of and in One Tenement, with the Appurtenances, on the said East Side of the said South End of *Woburn* aforesaid, and then or then late in the Occupation of *George Phelps*, and then were of the clear yearly Value of Six Shillings and Eight Pence, besides Reprizes; and of and in One other Tenement, with the Appurtenances, then or then late in the Occupation of *Elizabeth Holman*, Widow, and then were of the clear yearly Value of Six Shillings and Eight Pence, besides Reprizes; and of and in One other Tenement, with the Appurtenances, then or then late in the Occupation of *Edward Baker*, and then were of the clear yearly Value of Twenty Shillings, besides Reprizes; and of and in One other Tenement, with the Appurtenances there, then or then late in the Occupation of *Henry Barley*, and then were of the clear yearly Value of Six Shillings and Eight Pence, besides Reprizes; and of and in One other Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, and then or then late in the Occupation of *William Wallis*, and then were of the clear yearly Value of Six Shillings and Eight Pence, besides Reprizes; and of and in One other Tenement, with the Appurtenances, on the West Side of the said South End of *Woburn*, and then or then late in the Occupation of *Ann Phipps*, Widow, and then were of the clear yearly Value of Six Shillings and Eight Pence, besides Reprizes; and of and in One other Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, then or then late in the Occupation of *William Dodkin*, and then were of the clear yearly Value of Six Shillings and Eight Pence, besides Reprizes; and of and in One other Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, then or then late in the Occupation of *Ann Collins*, and then were of the clear yearly Value of Six Shillings and Eight Pence, besides Reprizes; and of and in One Cottage or Tenement,

ment, and Orchard and Garden Plot, with the Appurtenances, on the West Side of the North End of *Woburn*, then or then late in the Occupation of *William Chandler*, and then were of the clear yearly Value of Forty Shillings, besides Reprizes; and of and in One other Cottage or Tenement, Orchard and Plot, with the Appurtenances there, then or late in the Occupation of *Sarah Turner*, Widow, and then were of the clear yearly Value of Fifty Shillings, besides Reprizes; and of and in One other Tenement there, with the Appurtenances, then or then late in the Tenure or Occupation of *Thomas Taylor*, and then were of the clear yearly Value of Six Shillings and Eight Pence, besides Reprizes; and of and in One other Messuage or Tenement, and One Garden Plot, with the Appurtenances, on the East Side of the North End of *Woburn* aforesaid, and then or then late in the several Tenures or Occupations of *Daniel Knott*, *Jane Lord*, Spinster, *Mary Cherry*, Widow, *Thomas Gosley*, and *Elizabeth Jarman*, and then were of the clear yearly Value of Four Pounds, besides Reprizes; and of and in Four Acres and an Half, by Estimation, of Arable Land, and Two Parcels or Plots of Sward Ground, with the Appurtenances, dispersedly lying and being in the Parish and Fields of *Wavendon*, in the said County of *Bucks*, and then or then late in the Occupation of *Thomas Rowse*, and then of the clear yearly Value of Twenty Shillings, besides Reprizes: And it was thereupon ordered and decreed, upon the said Third Day of *April*, in the said Seventeenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *Charles* the Second, by them the said Sir *Henry Chester*, *Saint John Thompson*, *Francis Wingate*, and *Thomas Snagg*, Four of the said Commissioners in the said Commission named, before whom the said Inquisition was taken as aforesaid, that they the said *William Earl of Bedford* and *Edward Taylor*, being the then only Two surviving Feoffees, should, before the Feast-day of *Saint Michael the Archangel* then next ensuing the Date of the said Order and Decree, enfeoff by Deed, with Livery and Seisin thereupon to be executed, Twelve other honest and sufficient Men and Freeholders to be Co-feoffees, and stand seised, together with them the said Earl of *Bedford* and *Edward Taylor*, of and in all and singular the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, with the Appurtenances, in the said Inquisition mentioned and expressed, to the Uses of them the said *William Earl of Bedford* and *Edward Taylor*, and the said other Twelve Co-feoffees to be newly added as aforesaid, and yet in Trust for the charitable Uses aforesaid; that is to say, To the Intent the Rents, Issues, and Profits, of the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Premises, should from time to time be received, employed, and disposed of, by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of *Woburn* aforesaid, to the Benefit, Good, and Advantage of the poorer Sort of the Inhabitants of *Woburn* aforesaid; and that the said

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Churchwardens and Overseers of *Woburn* aforesaid, for the Time being, should yearly, for ever afterwards, upon *Tuesday* in *Easter* Week, give an Account, to the said Parishioners of *Woburn* aforesaid, of all Rents, Profits, and Sums of Money, by them received and disbursed for the charitable Uses aforesaid; and what Arrearages should be found to remain in their or any of their Hands, should be by them paid over to the next succeeding Churchwardens and Overseers of the same Parish, as by the same Inquisition, and Decree thereupon made, Relation being thereunto had, may more fully appear:

And whereas the said *William* late Earl of *Bedford* and *Edward Taylor*, in pursuance of the said Decree, did by Indenture, bearing Date the Fifth Day of *September* One thousand Six hundred and Sixty-five, convey the said several Messuages, Cottages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, mentioned in the said last recited Inquisition, to the Use of themselves and others (all since deceased) in Trust as aforesaid :

And whereas the most Noble *John* Duke of *Bedford*, *Simon Taylor*, Esquire, *John Smith*, late of *Woburn* aforesaid, and now of *Wavendon* aforesaid, Gentleman, *Francis Turner*, Gentleman, *Edward Green*, Mercer (since deceased), and *Henry Clarke*, Innholder, all of *Woburn* aforesaid, and *William Turner* of *Eversholt*, in the said County of *Bedford*, Gentleman, being the surviving Feoffees named in a former Deed, bearing Date the Twenty-fourth Day of *May* One thousand Seven hundred and Twenty-eight, by Indenture bearing Date the Eleventh Day of *June*, which was in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty-six, and made, or mentioned to be made between themselves of the one Part, and *Francis Russell*, Esquire, commonly called Marquis of *Tavistock*, *Samuel Davis*, Esquire, *Richard Smith*, Esquire, *Richard White*, Gentleman (since deceased), *Henry Clarke*, Son of *Henry Clarke*, Innholder, *Francis Green*, Son of *Edmund Green*, Draper, *John Taylor* the elder, Wheelwright (since deceased), *George Bosworth*, Sadler, *John Edmonds*, Plumber, *Thomas Burbidge*, Innholder (since deceased), and *Robert Ramsay*, Lace Merchant, all of *Woburn* aforesaid, of the other Part, granted, enfeoffed, and confirmed, unto the said *Francis Russell*, *Samuel Davis*, *Richard Smith*, *Richard White*, *Henry Clarke*, *Francis Green*, *John Taylor* the elder, *George Bosworth*, *John Edmonds*, *Thomas Burbidge*, and *Robert Ramsay*, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, all and singular the aforesaid Messuages, Cottages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, therein and herein before mentioned and expressed, with their and every of their Appurtenances, as the same were more particularly described,

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abutted, and bounded, in a Terrar or Schedule to the same Indenture annexed, to hold the same unto them the said *Francis Russel, Samuel Davis, Richard Smith, Richard White, Henry Clarke, Francis Green, John Taylor the elder, George Bosworth, John Edmonds, Thomas Burbidge, and Robert Ramsay*, jointly with them the said *John Duke of Bedford, Simon Taylor junior, John Smith, Francis Turner, Edmund Green, Henry Clarke, and William Turner*, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, in Trust nevertheless for the charitable Uses aforesaid; that is to say, To the Intent that they the said Co-tenants, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, should from time to time, and at all Times afterwards, permit and suffer the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of *Woburn* aforesaid for the Time being, to receive, employ, and dispose of, all the Rents, Issues, and Profits, of all and singular the afore recited Messuages, Cottages, Lands, Tenements, and Premises, to and for the Good, Benefit, and Advantage, of the poorer Sort of the Inhabitants of *Woburn* aforesaid, as in and by the last in part recited Indenture, Relation being thereunto had, may more at large appear :

And whereas Part of the said Charity Estate consisteth of Fifteen small Houses or Cottages, situate in the said Town of *Woburn*, and the Poor of *Woburn* aforesaid have been permitted to live therein, without paying any Rent for the same; and the rest of the said Charity Estate has produced an annual Income, amounting only to the Sum of Twenty-four Pounds, or thereabouts, which has been paid into the Hands of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the said Parish, pursuant to the Directions of the said Decree of the Commissioners of charitable Uses, and the several Conveyances made in pursuance thereof, for perpetuating the Trusts aforesaid :

And whereas as well the Houses and Cottages in which the said Poor have resided, as also the Houses and other Erections upon the other Part of the Estate, are, through Time, come into a ruinous State and Condition, and cannot be maintained and upheld, without applying the whole Profits of the said Charity Estate, for a great Number of Years, for that Purpose :

And forasmuch as the said *John Duke of Bedford* (who has constantly and annually, at his own private Expence, contributed very considerably to the Relief and Support of the poorer Sort of Inhabitants of *Woburn* aforesaid) is desirous to establish a more certain and beneficial Fund for the Benefit of the said Poor, and to beautify and adorn the said Town of *Woburn*, and is willing, upon the said Charity Estate being vested in him the said Duke, his Heirs and Assigns, for his and their own Use and Benefit, discharged from the said Trusts,

Trusts, to erect and keep in Repair Twelve Houses, for the Habitation of Twelve poor Families, being Parishioners of *Woburn* aforesaid, and to charge Lands and Hereditaments, the Inheritance of him the said Duke, lying in *Woburn* aforesaid, with the clear annual Rent or yearly Sum of Thirty Pounds, at Two equal half-yearly Payments of One Pound Five Shillings to each of the said poor Families, the said Duke, his Heirs and Assigns, Owners of *Woburn Abbey*, in the Parish of *Woburn* aforesaid, having from time to time the Nomination of the poor Families, being Parishioners of the said Parish of *Woburn*, who shall reside in the said Houses; which charitable and beneficial Intentions of the said Duke towards the said Parish and Town of *Woburn*, the said *John Duke of Bedford*, *Samuel Davis*, *Richard Smith*, *Francis Turner*, *Henry Clarke the elder*, *Henry Clarke the younger*, *Francis Green*, *John Edmonds*, *George Bosworth*, *William Turner*, and *John Smith* (who, with the Right Honourable *Francis Russell*, Esquire, commonly called Marquis of *Tavistock*, now abroad on his Travels, *Simon Taylor*, Esquire, who lives in *Northamptonshire*, at a Distance from the said Parish of *Woburn*, and *Robert Ramsay*, now abroad in *Africa*, are all the surviving Feoffees of the said Charity Estate), and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Woburn*, are greatly desirous should be accomplished, being thoroughly sensible that the same will be greatly to the Advantage of the Poor of the said Parish and the said Town of *Woburn*; But as the same cannot be effected without the Aid of Parliament,

May it therefore please Your MAJESTY,

(At the humble Petition of the said *John Duke of Bedford*, *Samuel Davis*, *Richard Smith*, *Francis Turner*, *Henry Clarke the elder*, *Henry Clarke the younger*, *Francis Green*, *John Edmonds*, *George Bosworth*, *William Turner*, and *John Smith*; and also of *Robert Carey* and *Stephen Preston*, Churchwardens; and of *Francis Exton* and *George Harris*, Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Woburn*), That it may be Enacted; And be it Enacted, by the KING's most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all and singular the said Messuages, Cottages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, comprised in the last in part recited Indenture, and more particularly described in the Terrar or Schedule thereunto annexed, with their and every of their Appurtenances, from and after the

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shall be and are hereby vested in the said *John Duke of Bedford*, his Heirs and Assigns for ever, to the sole Use

Use and Behoof of him the said Duke, his Heirs and Assigns for ever, freed and absolutely discharged of and from all and every the Uses, Trusts, charitable Dispositions, and Appointments, found and certified by the several Inquisitions herein before-mentioned, or to which the same were conveyed by the before recited Indentures, or any or either of them.

Provided always nevertheless, and it is hereby further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said *John Duke of Bedford*, his Heirs and Assigns, shall and do, on or before the said Day of

at his and their own proper Costs and Charges, erect, build, and compleatly finish, fit for Habitation, in some convenient Place within the Township of *Woburn* aforesaid, Twelve Almshouses, proper for the Reception and Residence of Twelve of the poorer Sort of Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Woburn*, and their respective Families; which said Twelve Almshouses, and the Ground and Scite thereof, with the Backsides, Yards, and Appurtenances, which shall appertain or belong thereunto, shall, from and after the said Day of

be vested, and the same are hereby vested, in the said *Simon Taylor, Samuel Davis, Richard Smith, Francis Turner, Henry Clarke the elder, Henry Clarke the younger, Francis Green, John Edmonds, George Bosworth, William Turner, and John Smith*, their Heirs and Assigns, in Trust to permit and suffer such Twelve Families of the poorer Sort of Inhabitants within the said Parish of *Woburn* to inhabit and dwell therein, as shall be from time to time thereto nominated and appointed by the said *John Duke of Bedford*, his Heirs or Assigns, Owners of *Woburn Abbey* aforesaid.

Provided also, and it is hereby further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That One clear annual Rent or yearly Sum of Thirty Pounds, of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, shall be issuing and payable out of all that capital Mansion or Manor House of *Birchmore*, with the Orchards, Gardens, Courts, Yards, and other Appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate and being in the said Parish of *Woburn*, and also of all those several Closes of pasture, arable, and meadow Land, or inclosed Grounds, in the Parish of *Woburn* aforesaid, and *Aspley*, in the said County of *Bedford*, adjoining to *Birchmore House* aforesaid, called or known by the several Names of the *Clay Furlong*, the *East Close*, the *Dove House Close*, the *Fish Pond Close*, the *Lane Close*, the *Home Close*, the *Garden Close* and *Garden*, the *Long Close*, the *Clay Pit Close*, the *Road Close*, the *Wood Close*, the *Barn Close*, the *Riding Close*, and the *Sand Field*, or by whatsoever Name or Names the same now are or heretofore have been

been called, known, or distinguished, containing together by Estimation Eighty-two Acres and Two Roods or thereabouts, late in the Tenure or Occupation of *James Ellard*, and now in the Tenure or Occupation of *Stephen Perrin*, at the yearly Rent of Eighty Pounds, Part of the Inheritance of the said *John Duke of Bedford*, unto them the said *Simon Taylor, Samuel Davis, Richard Smith, Francis Turner, Henry Clarke the elder, Henry Clarke the younger, Francis Green, John Edmonds, George Bosworth, William Turner, and John Smith*, their Heirs and Assigns, in Trust, as herein after is mentioned; and that the said Rent or yearly Sum shall become due and payable half-yearly, by even and equal Portions, at or on the Two most usual Feasts or Days of Payment; that is to say, the Feast Days of St. the and the in every Year for ever, at or in the Porch of the Church of *Woburn* aforesaid; the First Payment thereof to begin and be made on the Feast Day of which will be in the Year of our Lord

and that no Deduction shall be made out of the said Rent or yearly Sum of Thirty Pounds for or on account of any parliamentary or parochial Taxes, or other Reprizes whatsoever.

Provided also, and it is hereby further Enacted, That the said *John Duke of Bedford*, his Heirs and Assigns, shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, keep the said Twelve Almshouses, to be erected as aforesaid, in substantial and tenantable Repair; and the said *Birchmore House*, and the said other Premises in the said Parish of *Woburn*, and in *Aspley* aforesaid, are hereby charged with, and for ever made liable to, the Repairs thereof.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That in case the said Rent or yearly Sum of Thirty Pounds, or any Part thereof, shall happen to be behind or unpaid by the Space of Days next after either of the said Days whereon the same ought to be paid, according to the true Intent and Meaning hereof (although the same shall not be demanded), that then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees thereof, and the Survivors or Survivor of them, and the Heirs or Assigns of such Survivors or Survivor, into and upon the said Premises, charged with the said Rent-charge, or into any Part thereof, to enter and distrain, and the Distress and Distresses then and there found to take, lead, drive, carry away, and impound, and in Pound to detain and keep, or otherwise to demean according to due Course of Law, until the said Rent or yearly Sum of Thirty Pounds, and every Part thereof, so in Arrear and unpaid, together with all Costs, Charges, and Damages, occasioned by the Nonpayment thereof, shall be fully satisfied and paid.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That in case the said Rent or yearly Sum of Thirty Pounds, or any Part thereof, shall be behind or unpaid by the Space of Forty Days next after either of the said Days whereon the same ought to be paid as aforesaid, that then and in such Case (although there shall have been no legal Demand thereof), it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees thereof, and the Survivors or Survivor of them, and the Heirs or Assigns of such Survivors or Survivor, to enter into and upon all and singular the said Premises, so charged and chargeable therewith as aforesaid, or into and upon any of them, or any Part thereof, in the Name of the Whole, and to receive and take the Rents, Issues, and Profits thereof, and of every Part thereof, to their own Use, until thereby or therewith, or otherwise, they shall be fully satisfied and paid the said Rent, and the Arrears thereof, due at the time of such Entry, or which shall afterwards incur during their being in Possession, and all Costs, Charges, Damages, and Expences, that they shall be put unto, or in any-wise sustain, by reason of the Non-payment of the same Rent, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Rent or yearly Sum of Thirty Pounds, hereby vested in them the said Trustees thereof, is so vested in them upon Trust that they, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, and the Heirs or Assigns of such Survivors or Survivor, shall from time to time pay and distribute the same unto and amongst the said Twelve poor Families who shall be so nominated and appointed to reside in the said Almshouses as aforesaid, half-yearly, when and as the same shall be received by them the said Trustees thereof for the Time being, to each Family the Sum of Twenty-and-five Shillings.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall be lawful for the said Duke of *Bedford*, his Heirs and Assigns, Owners of *Woburn Abbey*, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, to nominate and appoint, out of the poor Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Woburn*, the Families who shall reside in the said Almshouses; and he the said Duke, his Heirs and Assigns, Owners of *Woburn Abbey* aforesaid, is and are hereby authorized and empowered, with the Consent of the Trustees for the Time being, or the major Part of them, to remove and displace all or any of the poor Persons who shall be placed from time to time in the said Almshouses, for Immorality, or any irregular Behaviour.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That when the said Trustees of the said Almshouses and Rent shall by Death be reduced to Three, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the
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Survivors of them to nominate and appoint any other fit Person or Persons to be Trustees for the Purposes aforesaid, so as to make their Number Thirteen, and so in like manner upon the Deceases of any succeeding Trustees, and so from time to time, as often as there shall be Occasion to nominate Trustees for the Purposes aforesaid; and that when and so often as any new Trustees shall be nominated and appointed as aforesaid, the surviving Trustees shall convey the said Almshouses, with their Appurtenances, and the said Rent-charge, to the Use of themselves and of such new Trustees, and their Heirs and Assigns, upon the several Trusts thereof herein before declared or expressed, to the Intent that the same Trusts may be perpetuated and continued for ever.

Saving to the KING's most Excellent MAJESTY, his Heirs and Successors, and to all Bodies Politick and Corporate, and to all other Person and Persons, their Heirs and Successors (other than and except the said *John Duke of Bedford, Francis Russell*, commonly called Marquis of *Tavistock, Simon Taylor, Robert Ramsay*, and all other the Feoffees of the said Charity Estate, and their Heirs, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for the Time being of the said Parish of *Woburn*) all such Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand, as they or any of them had before the passing of this Act, or could or might have had or enjoyed, in case this Act had not been made.

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